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Applicants: STEPHEN M. POTTER
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TO BE CHARGED IN DIRECT REDUCTION PROCESS

Charlotte, North Carolina
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed February 7, 2007 Applicants submit the following amendment and remarks for the above identified application. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

Amendment of the Specification begins on page 2;
Amendment of the Claims begins on page 3;
Remarks begin on page 5; and
Corrected Drawings are attached.